

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Helmus Art Unit: 3773
Serial No.: 10/075,970 Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL
DEVICES WITH CONTROLLED CHANGE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
LEADING TO BIOMECHANICAL COMPATIBILITY

VIA EFS-WEB
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2009, having a date for response of October 1, 2009. This Amendment and Response is timely filed.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

The **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.